income, for setting up of self-employment and other ventures. The Corporation would also assist in the upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of minorities for proper and efficient management of production units.

The Government of India's contribution to the equity of NMDFC would be restricted to 25 per cent of the paid up share capital and the balance share holding will be that of the State Governments/Corporations and other institutions and individuals having interest in the development of minorities.

In order to give a head-start to the Corporation the Central Government have decided to advance an amount of Rs. 50 crores to the Corporation during the current year.

Additional powers for minority commission

675. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minority Commission has sought additional powers for protecting the rights of the minority communities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) The Minorities Commission had, before it was conferred statutory status and reconstituted under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 in May, 1993 been recommending that it should be given the powers under the Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952. Under the Act the Commission has the powers of a civil court to perform some of its functions including the one to look into specific complaints regarding deprivation rights and safeguards of the minorities The Commission has not sought any additional powers after it has been conferred statutory status.

Population of SCs/STs and OBCs

676. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward classes as per 1991 census;

(b) the percentage of posts actually held by SCs/STs and OBCs in Central Government offices and Public Undertakings, as per 1991 census figures; and

(c) what steps are taken to fill the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) As per 1991 census, the percentage of population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was 16.48 and 8.08 percent, respectively. Data for OBCs are not separately collected during census. However, second Backward Classes Commission (Mandal Commission) had estimated that the population of OBCs is 52 percent.

(b) Enclosed Statement contains the information (See below).

(c) For the purpose of filling up backlog of vacancies relating to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, Special Recruitment drives were conducted in 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92, and 1993-94. The results of these special recruitment drives are given at Annexure (See Appendix 172, Annexure No. 14) There is no backlog in case of OBC as reservation for them has started only recently after issuance of O.M. No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT), dated 8.9.93 of the Dept. of Personnel and Training.